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Sydney College in Virginia. ■ After receiving her doctoral degree in pharmacy, **Melissa Ware** has moved to the Washington, D.C., area for a post-graduate training program with Eli Lilly. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Katherine Leigh Burns** and Ian Michael Gellatly, April 6. She is a nuclear engineer with Bettis Atomic Power in Goose Creek, S.C., and he is a student at the College of Charleston, majoring in physical education. ■ **Angela Marie Cantrell** and Russell Joe Few, April 6. She works for CVS Pharmacy in Greenville and is a candidate for a doctoral degree at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy. He is a structural detailer for South Carolina Steel Corporation in Taylors. ■ **David Lewis** and **Julie Jones** '99, February 18, 2001. Julie has been working as a recruiter with the Community Blood Centers of South Florida and David is scheduled to begin studies this summer toward an M.B.A. degree. ■ **Eugenia Sydnor Turrentine** and Michael Robert Waldrop, May 4, Spartanburg, S.C. They live in Greenville, where she is an event coordinator at ScanSource and he is a hospital sales representative for Elan Pharmaceuticals. ■ **BIRTH:** **Chris and Katie Hankinson McGaha**, a son, Harrison Mitchell, January 24, Ashburn, Va.

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#### Next reunion in 2004

**Christa Brunow** is president of Retention Management in Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Alison Cunnold** received her Master of Divinity degree from Emory University in May. ■ **Christine Dawkins** is program coordinator for the Greenville Commission on Alcohol and Drug Services. She recently earned her master's degree in social work from the University of South Carolina. ■ **Justin Dunn** was scheduled to receive a degree in information systems from Georgia Southern University in May. ■ **Liz Hankla** of Brentwood, Tenn., is a nutrition specialist with Peachtree Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. ■ **Mira Hibri** accepted a position in March as a television news producer with WBTV-3 in Charlotte, N.C.

■ **Tyler Milliken** has entered the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, after which he will attend flight school at Pensacola, Fla. ■ **Erin Paul** of Nashville, Tenn., was scheduled to complete a master's degree in occupational therapy in May. ■ **Joanna Ponder Skinner** is a research analyst with the University of Cincinnati Foundation and is in her last year as an arts administration/M.B.A. student at the University of Ohio. ■ **Paige Thurmond** is finishing post-graduate studies in nutrition at Clemson University and will start a nine-month dietetic internship at the Medical University of South Carolina to become a registered dietitian. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Catherine Lynn Brumbach** and **Morgan Edward Fore**, April 27. They live in Columbia, Md., where she is a dietetic intern with Sodexo Health Care Services, Mid-Atlantic. He has been a lotus notes administrator for Royal Ahold. ■ **Siobhan Carroll** and **Jason Chewing** '00, June 22. They live in Atlanta, Ga., where Siobhan is working toward a master's degree in architecture at Georgia Tech and Jason is an estimator for United Forming, Inc. ■ **Summer M. Dilgren** and **Randall Teegardin**, June 15, 2001. They live in Charleston, S.C. ■ **Sarah Gehrmann** and **Thomas Keene** '02, March 16. They live in Greenville. ■ **Kimberly April Jolly** and **Jonathan Ryan Chasteen**, May 18. They live in Greenville where Kimberly is in sales for Protective Plastics, Inc.

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#### Next reunion in 2005

**Summer Copeland** has earned a master's degree in secondary social studies education and plans work as a high school teacher in Orlando, Fla. ■ **Mark Davis** works on his family farm in Westminster, S.C., and is also a substitute teacher of mathematics and Spanish in the Oconee County School District. ■ **Taryn Foster** received her Master of Public Health degree from George Washington University last December. She lives in Arlington, Va., and is working as a research assistant at Consulting Services & Research, Inc. ■ **Daniel Hughes**, who was a clerk

## Letter to the editor

I read with great interest the articles by President David Shi, "Of Faith and Learning," and Hal Frampton, "A Matter of Tolerance," in the spring issue of *Furman*.

When I was around 17 or 18, I came to realize that my so-called faith was hollow at the core. This was very disturbing to me, but it was extremely important to me to be scrupulously honest.

So, I was openly an atheist when I was at Furman, from 1967 through 1971.

But while I was there my own experience was different from that of the folks in the "Tolerance" article. Mostly I was loved, accepted and befriended by devout Baptists amongst whom I had grown up all my Presbyterian life. They often joked with me, and I am aware that they prayed for me in their prayer groups, for my very soul.

At the time, however, I did feel that some of them saw me as somehow "less-than." I was infuriated during one episode when a group called and asked me to come down to the parlor of the women's residence halls. They were apparently from a church attended by someone who had told them about me, and were there to save my soul. I protested to the dorm supervisor, Ms. Imo Tumblin, who immediately asked them to leave, conveying clearly to me that it was absolutely my right to refuse to see them and that their actions were indeed inappropriate.

Now I have come full circle and become a person of profound faith, with a very conservative lifestyle but a very liberal outlook. It was not an easy journey — as C.S. Lewis says, there are no grandchildren in the faith. My own experiences at Furman were truly formative in this regard. I am also convinced that all those loving prayers were answered and that they were the real change agents, at a level we do not comprehend without divine inspiration.

So, my own advice to young ones who wish to be on mission is simply to love those you would convince. Give them yourself. Give them your friendship, humor, support and especially your prayers. And be patient. God's timing is not our own, and it is God who must finally do that work in each one's secret heart. Love is the real witness.

— **Marian Moseley '71**  
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